

have been indicated against each of them:

S. No.	Name of Project	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)	Target date of opening
1.	Rohtak—Bhiwani (BG)	6 13	March, 1979
2.	Hasanpur—Sakri (MG)	5 96	March, 1978
3.	BG rail links to Ramnagar & Kathgodam from Moradabad and Rampur	15 00	March, 1979
4.	Jhanjharpur—Laukaha Bazar (MG)	2 93	April, 1976
5.	Bibinagar—Nadikude (BG)	13 47	1-4-1979
6.	Banspani—Jakhpura (BG)	39 00	1-4-1980

Shortage of Diesel and Kerosene Oil

1140. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Diesel and Kerosene Oil all over the country whereas all these items are freely available in the market on higher price;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to meet the shortage; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH):

(a). there have been no reports of

any diesel oil shortage in the country in the recent past. Kerosene oil allocations to States have however, been cut to reduce consumption. It is likely that this may have given rise to shortage of kerosene in certain areas. Sufficient powers have been delegated to the State Governments to check any hoarding and black-marketing of these products.

(b) and (c). Although State Governments have been advised to take various measures to achieve economy in the consumption of diesel oil, its availability is at present free and the current demands in all the States are being met in full.

From the current month cuts applied on the State quotas of kerosene oil have also been reduced to increase availability. The extent of cuts which was increased upto 30 per cent in some months has now been reduced, to achieve a reduction in overall consumption by about 10 per cent only. State Governments have already been advised to have an effective system of kerosene distribution and take suitable action against hoarding or black marketing of kerosene oil.

Supply of Coal beyond Mughal Sarai

1141. SHRI S M BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether supply of coal beyond Mughal Sarai has not yet improved because of the inadequate supply of wagons; and

(b) if so, what positive steps have been taken to provide more wagons for supplying coal beyond Mughal Sarai?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.